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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DELEGATION ON GREEK MISSING-IN-ACTION
FROM 1974 CYPRUS WAR

1. FIVE-PERSON DELEGATION OF GREEK WIVES/PARENTS OF 83
GREEK NATIONAL GUARDSMEN MISSING AFTER 1974 CYPRUS WAR MET
FEB 15 WITH DEPTOFF. DELEGATION REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION ON WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS OF
MISSING RELATIVES, STATING THEIR BELIEF THAT TURKS HAVE
NOT REPATRIATED ALL PRISONERS.

2. DEPTOFF RESPONDED THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCE DURING VIETNAM WAR AND THEREFORE
UNDERSTOOD VISITORS' DIFFICULT SITUATION.

3. WE BELIEVED THAT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IN CYPRUS
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WOULD PROBABLY RESULT FROM RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL
PROBLEM RATHER THAN DIRECT PRESSURES, WHICH USG IS IN NO
POSITION TO APPLY. DESPITE VIGOROUS EFFORTS, USG HAD
STILL NOT OBTAINED DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON NINE AMERICAN
CITIZENS OF CYPRIOT ORIGIN MISSING ON CYPRUS. DEPTOFF
EXPRESSED US CONCERN FOR MISSING PERSONS OF ALL NATIONALI-
TIES, AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES, BUT POINTED OUT THERE WAS

VERY LITTLE USG COULD DO TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF PERSONS

NOT AMERICAN CITIZENS, EXCEPT TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD
RESOLUTION OF SITUATION ITSELF. TOWARD THAT END, WE HOPED
CLIFFORD MISSION AND RECENT MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETINGS
MIGHT BRING SOME PROGRESS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND DELEGATION HAS APPOINTMENTS WITH SOME
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND WITH NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES,
CONCERNED WITH AMERICAN MIA'S IN VIETNAM.
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